

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 310 and 322 without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-captioned application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-308 (cancelled)

309. (currently amended) A system for detecting an analyte in a fluid comprising:

a body;

a light source disposed within the body;

a cartridge, wherein the cartridge is configured to be removably positionable in the body, and wherein the cartridge comprises a cartridge body and a sensor array disposed within the cartridge body, and wherein the sensor array comprises:

a supporting member comprising at least one cavity formed within the supporting member;

a particle, wherein the particle is positioned in the cavity, and wherein the

particle is configured to produce a signal when the particle interacts with an analyte during use; and

a detector disposed within the body, wherein the detector is configured to detect the signal produced by the interaction of the analyte with the particle during use;

wherein the light source and the detector are positioned such that light passes from the light source, to the particle, and onto the detector during use.

Claim 310 (cancelled)

311. (currently amended) The system of claim 309, further comprising a sample input port, wherein the sample input is positioned on the body, and wherein the sample input port is coupled to the sensor array such that samples introduced into the input port are transferred to the sensor array.
312. (currently amended) The system of claim 309, further comprising a sample input port, wherein the sample input is positioned on the body, and wherein the sample input port is coupled to the sensor array such that samples introduced into the input port are transferred to the sensor array, and wherein the sample input port is configured to receive a syringe.
313. (original) The system of claim 309, further comprising a sample input port and a filter, wherein the sample input is positioned on the body, and wherein the sample input port is coupled to the sensor array such that samples introduced into the input port are transferred to the sensor array, and wherein the filter is coupled to the sample input port.

314. (original) The system of claim 309, further comprising a fluid cartridge coupled to the body and the sensor array.
315. (currently amended) The system of claim 309, further comprising:
 - an electronic controller disposed in the body and coupled to the sensor array, the light source, and the detector;
 - wherein the electronic controller is configured to control the operation of the sensor array system.
316. (original) The system of claim 309, further comprising a global positioning system coupled to the body.
317. (original) The system of claim 309, further comprising a data transfer system.
318. (original) The system of claim 309, wherein the detector comprises a monochrome detector.
319. (original) The system of claim 309, wherein the detector comprises a color detector.
320. (original) The system of claim 309, wherein the light source comprises at least one light-emitting diode.
321. (original) The system of claim 309, wherein the light source comprises a light emitting diode.

Claim 322 (cancelled)

323. (original) The system of claim 309, further comprising a fluid delivery system coupled to the supporting member.
324. (original) The system of claim 309, wherein the detector comprises a charge-coupled device.
325. (original) The system of claim 309, wherein the particle comprises a receptor molecule coupled to a polymeric resin.
326. (original) The system of claim 309, wherein the system comprises a plurality of particles positioned within a plurality of cavities, and wherein the system is configured to substantially simultaneously detect a plurality of analytes in the fluid.
327. (original) The system of claim 309, wherein the particle ranges from about 0.05 micron to about 500 microns.
328. (original) The system of claim 309, wherein a volume of the particle changes when contacted with the fluid.
329. (currently amended) The system of claim 309, wherein the particle further comprises a first indicator and a second indicator, wherein the first and second indicators are configured to be coupled to a receptor, wherein the interaction of the receptor with the analyte causes the first and second indicators to interact such that the signal is produced.
330. (currently amended) The system of claim 309, wherein the particles further comprises an

indicator, wherein the indicator is associated with a receptor such that in the presence of the analyte the indicator is displaced from the receptor to produce the signal.

331. (original) The system of claim 309, wherein the supporting member comprises silicon.
332. (original) The system of claim 309, wherein the supporting member further comprises channels in the supporting member, wherein the channels are configured to allow the fluid to flow through the channels into and away from the cavity.
333. (currently amended) The system of claim 309, wherein the supporting member further comprises a barrier layer positioned over the cavity, wherein the barrier layer is configured to inhibit dislodgment of the particle during use.
334. (currently amended) The system of claim 309, wherein the supporting member further comprises a barrier layer positioned over the cavity, wherein the barrier layer is configured to inhibit dislodgment of the particle during use, and wherein the barrier layer comprises a substantially transparent cover plate positioned over the cavity, and wherein the barrier layer is positioned such that a channel is formed between an upper surface of the supporting member and the barrier layer, and wherein the fluid passes through the channel during use.
335. (original) The system of claim 309, wherein the supporting member comprises a plastic material.
336. (original) The system of claim 309, wherein the supporting member comprises a dry film photoresist material.

337. (currently amended) The system of claim 309, wherein the cavity is configured such that the fluid entering the cavity passes through the cavity during use.
338. (original) The system of claim 309, further comprising a pump coupled to the supporting member, wherein the pump is configured to direct the fluid towards the cavity.
339. (currently amended) The system of claim 309, wherein a channel is formed in the supporting member, wherein the channel couples a pump to the cavity such that the fluid flows through the channel to the cavity during use.
340. (original) The system of claim 309, further comprising a vacuum apparatus coupled to the sensor array, wherein the vacuum apparatus is configured to pull the fluid through the cavity during use.

Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Mailed August 25, 2004

A. Claims in the Case

Claims 309, 311-321, and 323-340 are pending. Claims 310 and 322 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 309, 315, 322, 329, 330, 333, 334, 337 and 339 have been amended.

B. Amendments to the Claims

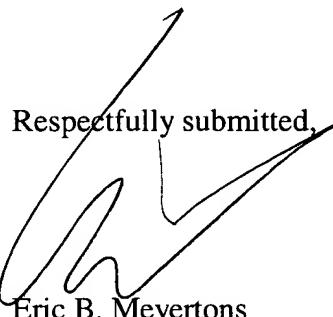
In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 25, 2004, the amendment to the claims was not considered compliant because a complete listing of the claims was not present. Applicant submits that a complete listing of the claims is now included in this response.

C. Summary

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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Applicant believes no fees are due in conjunction with this submission. If any extension of time is necessary, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees have been inadvertently omitted or if any fees are required, please charge those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5119-00529/EBM

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